

ABSTRACT

In the present invention, a content distribution server distributes a content key, encrypted content encrypted using the content key, and playback control information describing a playback mode restriction for a specific section of content, to a content playback terminal, and the content playback terminal refers to the playback control information, and decodes and plays back encrypted content in the case of a playback mode in which the specific section of content is not restricted. By this means, the playback mode of a specific section of content can be restricted based on playback control information.